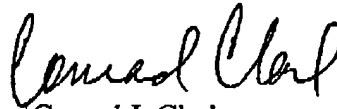


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Accordingly, it is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance, and an early indication thereof is respectfully requested. The examiner is invited to contact the undersigned if any matter remains outstanding.

All necessary extensions of time are requested. Please charge any necessary fees and credit any excess to deposit account 50-1088.

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In re Application of:)
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) Art Unit: 3763
Serial No.: 09/857,142)
) Examiner: HAYES, M.
Filed: June 1, 2001)
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For: APPARATUS FOR HOLDING AND)
OPERATING ONE OR MORE SYRINGES)

MARKED UP CLAIMS

Claim 1 (Amended) Apparatus for holding and operating one or more syringes each of which has a barrel portion and a plunger, comprising a handle having a portion configured to be gripped in a user's hand and a cradle at one end of said handle, said cradle being configured to removably receive a said barrel portion of a single syringe of said one or more syringes such that it extends transversely to said handle portion and is located such that a said plunger of said single syringe is easily engaged by said user's thumb [, wherein said handle is adapted to be held in an operator's hand and said cradle is adapted to removable receive a said syringe].

Claim 4 (Amended) Apparatus according to claim 2 wherein each of said at least two syringes has an output end through which an output flows and further comprising an applicator tip for connecting to the output end of each syringe and receiving the outputs from said syringes.

Claim 8 (Amended) Apparatus according to claim 7 wherein one of said walls is cut out to receive [the] a shaft of a syringe plunger.

Claim 9 (Amended) Apparatus according to claim 1 wherein said cradle is semi-cylindrical and is made of resilient material for receiving [a] said barrel portion of said syringe

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when inserted in a direction toward said handle portion [transverse to the longitudinal axis of said cradle].

Claim 11 (Amended) Apparatus for holding and operating one or more syringes, each of said syringes having a barrel and a plunger, comprising handle means for providing a grip for an operator's hand and a cradle for receiving the barrel of a single one of said syringes, and further comprising clip means for receiving the plungers of a plurality of said syringes and allowing simultaneous operation thereof.